GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
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WAITING LIST IN RAJASTHAN
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of persons in waiting list seeking telephone connections in urban and rural areas of Rajasthan, district-wise.

(b) the number of persons who have not been provided out of turn telephone connections under MPs Quota so far, district- wise

(c) the reasons for non-successful implementation of National Telephone Policy;

(d) Whether guilty private companies have been punished in this regard;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) the action plan prepared by the Government for expeditious allotment of telephone connections to rural wait listed persons; and

(g) the details of WLL towers likely to be erected in Rajasthan and steps proposed to be taken for increasing capacity of telephone exchanges?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a)&(b) The details are given at Annexure.

(c) The private Basic Service operators failed to provide the requisite number of telephone connection and Village Public Telephones.

(d)&(e) The Liquidated Damages amounting to Rs.8 crores were recovered from the private Basic service Operator.

(f)&(g) Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd. has reported that in Rajasthan it has plans to provide 1,80,000 lines in rural areas during 2004-2005. 1,50,000 lines are proposed to be provided on WLL and 30,000 lines on wireline. The 1,50,000 lines equipment has been planned for the year 2005-2006 by BSNL.

The details of new WLL towers likely to be erected are as follows:

M/s Shyam Telecom	16
M/s Reliance infocomm Ltd.	127
M/s Tata Teleservices Ltd.	150
M/s Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd.	134

ANNEXURE

Sl. No.	District	Waiting List as on 31.10.2004		Total of Out of Turn Telephone Connections under MPs Quota	Pendency
		Urban	Rural		
1	AJMER	1883	3421	5304	97
2	ALWAR	202	11425	11627	70
3	BANSWARA+ DUNGRPUR	210	3583	3793	0
4	BARMER	228	5753	5981	205

5	BHARATPUR+DHOLPUR	1040	4686	5726	76
6	BHILWARA	644	2467	3111	0
7	BIKANER	1519	1033	2552	14
8	BUNDI	45	494	539	1
9	CHITTORGARH	526	2971	3497	1
10	CHURU	1028	5417	6445	134
11	JHALWAR	32	635	667	0
12	JHUNJHUNU	1260	8753	10013	26
13	JAISALMER	0	373	373	2
14	JODHPUR	142	6188	6330	43
15	JAIPUR+ DAUSA	1888	12743	14631	78
16	KOTA+ BARAN	2260	1787	4047	16
17	NAGPUR	1214	10204	11418	33
18	PALI	912	4307	5219	49
19	SAWAI MADHOPUR + KARAULI	156	3080	3236	3
20	SIKAR	1055	12256	13311	92
21	SIROHI+JALORE	233	4514	4747	4
22	SRIGANGANAGAR + HANUMANGARH	385	4053	4438	109
23	TONK	196	1035	1231	1
24	UDAIPUR+RAJSAMNAD	2080	7344	9424	0

TOTAL	19138	118522	137660	1054